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SADIE BADIR ELLIS NASSIF-AZAR AND GEORGE BADIR ELLIS NASSIF-AZAR

JUNE 27, 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3280]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3280) for the relief of Sadie Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar and George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the minor adopted children of United States citizens the status of noquota immigrants which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiaries of the bill were born in Lebanon on March 12, 1942, and March 22, 1947, respectively. They have been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis who are United States citizens residing in Clarksdale, Miss. The children are the niece and nephew of the adoptive parents.

Senator James O. Eastland, the author of the bill, has submitted the following authenticated copy of the proceedings in the chancery court of Coahoma County, Miss., including the decree of adoption:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF COAHOMA COUNTY, MISS., IN VACATION

In the matter of the adoption of George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, a minor, and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, a minor. George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis, petitioners. No. 10044.

PETITION FOR ADOPTION

Now comes George Ellis and his wife, Sophie Farris Ellis, both adult resident citizens of Clarksdale, Coahoma County, Miss., and respectfully show unto the court that they are desirous of adopting two minor children, not their own by birth, to wit:

George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, and

Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar

and would respectfully show unto the court the following facts, to wit: That both said minor children are the lawful nephew and niece, respectively, of your petitioners.

That the natural and lawful parents of the said minor children are Badir Ellis Nassif and his lawful wife, Louisa Badir Ellis Nassif, who are citizens of the country of Lebanon, whose address is Jebial, Jedayed, Beyrouth, Lebanon, and with whom the said children now reside.

That the said Badir Ellis Nassif is a brother of the whole blood to the said George Ellis, one of your petitioners.

That the said children were born in Lebanon, March 12, 1942, and March 22, 1947, respectively.

That the said natural parents of George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, age 10, and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, age 5, consent to and desire the adoption of the said children by your petitioners herein, and join herein in this petition and prayer in writing.

That your petitioners are of sufficient ability and worth to rear the said children and to furnish suitable nurture and education for them, and are desirous of making the said children capable of inheriting their estate, and in all respects to provide a home as members of their family and to continue to do for them in all respects as if they were the natural-born son and daughter of petitioners and to provide for their future by having the court confer on them the power to inherit from petitioners in all respects as their son and daughter and heirs at law.

Your petitioners would show that for several years last past, they have been supporting the two above-named minors by sending money for their support to their lawful and natural parents in Lebanon. Your petitioners would show that should the two said minors have to wait for the Lebanon quota before coming to the United States, many years lapse would be involved, but that your petitioners and the lawful and natural parents of the said minors desire that the petitioners adopt said minors as their own and make attempt to have an act of Congress passed in the United States allowing said minors to come to the United States. That your said petitioners have visited in Lebanon and know of their own knowledge that the said minors desire to come to the United States to be reared as the children of your petitioners, and the natural and lawful parents of said minors desire the same because the said minors are not being cared for in Lebanon in the manner in which your petitioners can provide for them in this country.

Wherefore, premises considered, petitioners pray that upon a hearing of this petition, this court will enter a decree declaring the said George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar to be in all legal effects, intents and purposes, the children of petitioners, having all the rights and privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a natural-born son and a natural-born daughter, particularly the full right of inheritance from them and each of them.

If your petitioners have not prayed for proper relief, then they pray for such other and general relief as may be proper in the premises.

GEORGE ELLIS.

SOPHIA FARRIS ELLIS.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

Coahoma County:

This day before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and State, personally appeared George Ellis and his wife, Sophia Farris Ellis, who being first by me duly sworn, stated each on oath that they are the petitioners above

named; that they have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct as therein stated.

GEORGE ELLIS.

SOPHIA FARRIS ELLIS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 25th day of April 1952.

[SEAL]

E. C. BREWER, Jr., *Notary Public.*

My commission expires October 18, 1954.

Now come the undersigned Badir Ellis Nassif, also known as Badia Ellis Azar, and Louisa Badir Ellis Nassif, also known as Louisa Badia Ellis Azar, in herewith joining in the above and foregoing petition and say that they fully understand and comprehend the contents, meaning and purport thereof, and after having had said petition translated and fully explained to them, they join in the above and foregoing petition and prayer therein, for the adoption of their minor children, George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar by George Ellis and Sophia Farris Ellis.

BADIR ELLIS NASSIF.

LOUISA BADIR ELLIS NASSIF.

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON,

City of Beirut, Legation of the United States of America, ss:

This day before me, the undersigned consular official of the United States of America, within and for said city and country, personally appeared Badir Ellis Nassif, also known as Badia Ellis Azar, and Louisa Badir Ellis Nassif, also known as Louisa Badia Ellis Azar, personally known to me, who after having first been duly sworn, and after the undersigned translated and fully explained to them the contents, meaning and purport of the above and foregoing petition, stated each on oath that they fully understand the foregoing petition, that the same is true and correct as therein stated, and that they signed it of their own free will and accord as their voluntary act and deed.

BADIR ELLIS NASSIF.

LOUISA BADIR ELLIS NASSIF.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 7th day of May 1952.

[SEAL]

WILLIAM P. SHOCKLEY, Jr.,
Consul of the United States of America.

(American Foreign Service \$2 fee stamp attached and canceled May 7, 1952. Ser. No. 2975.)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF COAHOMA COUNTY, MISS., IN VACATION

In the Matter of the Adoption of George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, a Minor, and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, a Minor. George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis, Petitioners, No. 10044

FINAL DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard on petition for adoption, oral and documentary evidence and the court having heard the same and being now fully advised in the premises finds the following:

Petitioners, George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis, are adult resident citizens of Clarksdale, Coahoma County, Miss. The petition filed by them is legal and proper in form, is made under oath, and seeks the adoption of George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, minors.

Badir Ellis Nassif, who is also known as Badia Ellis Azar, and Louisa Badir Ellis Nassif, who is also known as Louisa Badia Ellis Azar, have joined in the prayer of the petition filed herein by written plea made under oath. They are adult resident citizens of Beirut, Republic of Lebanon, and they are the lawful and natural parents of George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, who was born on March 12, 1942, and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, who was born on March 22, 1947. The said Badir Ellis Nassif, who is also known as Badia Ellis Azar, is a brother of the whole blood to the said George Ellis, one of the petitioners herein.

The petitioners, George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis, have for several years past supported the above two-named minors by sending money for their support to the lawful and natural parents of said minor children. The said petitioners are mentally and morally proper persons to be the adopting parents of said minors and they are financially able to care for, support and educate them. Furthermore

the welfare of said children will be promoted by such adoption. The said petitioners desire to adopt said minors and the parents of said minors desire and have consented to the adoption.

This court has full and complete jurisdiction of this matter both as to parties and subject matter, and the provisions of section 1269 of the Mississippi Code of 1942, Annotated, have been fully complied with.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the said George Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar and Souad (Sadie) Badir Ellis Nassif-Azar, minors, be, and they are hereby decreed and declared to be, and are the adopted children of George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis, his wife, and the said George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis are decreed and declared to be, and are the adopting parents of the said minors, and the said minors are from this day on the children of the said George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis, his wife, as wholly and completely as if they had been born in lawful wedlock to the said George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis and they are entitled to and vested with all gifts, grants, rights, and benefits which the said George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis might confer on children of their own blood, and to which they might be entitled, including the right of inheritance from both the said George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis, and the said George Ellis and Sophie Farris Ellis shall have and exercise over the said minors all such power and control as parents have over children of their own blood.

Ordered, adjudged, and decreed on this the 20th day of May, 1952.

R. E. JACKSON, *Chancellor.*

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3280) should be enacted.

